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In accordance with 37 CFR §1.56, the references listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. A copy of each cited reference is enclosed. However, Applicant has not submitted copies of the U.S. patents or published U.S. Patent Applications cited on attached Form PTO/SB/08 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii).

It is respectfully requested that the references cited on the attached form PTO/SB/08 be considered in the examination of the subject application and that their consideration be made of record.

Applicant has also listed on form PTO/SB/08B a reference by Thubrikar *et al.* (1989), a copy of which is not submitted with this Information Disclosure Statement. The Thubrikar *et al.* (1989) reference is a book. Applicant does not have a copy of the Thubrikar *et al.* (1989) book; however, Applicant respectfully requests that the Thubrikar *et al.* (1989) book be considered in the examination of the subject application and that its consideration be made of record.

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Applicant respectfully asserts that the substantive provisions of 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98 are met by the foregoing statement.

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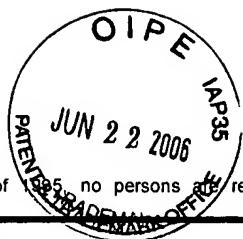
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